

PROBING CAUSES OF GASOLINE PRICE RISE

Federal Trade Commission Conducting General Inquiry Into U. S. Petroleum Industry.

A report on the cause of the increase in price of gasoline has been made the order of business by the Federal Trade Commission in a general inquiry into the petroleum industry of the United States.

This report probably will be made public in sixty days. The commission is inquiring into the gasoline situation from every angle, and will probe every possible reason for the advance in price. It will make public its conclusions as soon as they are reached.

Commissioner Harris, who is directing the oil inquiry, stated yesterday that while all phases of the oil industry were being probed at the same time, the report on increased gasoline prices would be the first issued. There may be a half dozen or a dozen other reports following this one, he said.

The commission has sent to every oil producer, refiner, and jobber a list of questions to be answered in detail. They have a hearing on production, refining, and distributing costs, as well as available supplies. In addition, the commission has men in every section of the United States, making personal investigations and checking the replies received to the commission's questions.

A second oil report by the commission probably will take up the question as to whether the Standard Oil Company is in reality dissolved, or whether the various companies into which the company was split have divided territory or agreed on prices in competitive or noncompetitive territory.

This report will deal with alleged discrimination in gasoline prices between various cities and territory. A number of complaints have been laid formally before the commission alleging unfair price discrimination against certain cities where gasoline prices are higher than they are in other cities. The commission is inquiring into all price differences.

Inquiry is also being made into reports that gasoline prices have been sent soaring by the practice of refiners in placing the entire increased cost of crude oil on the gasoline product.

The commission has been informed that the refiners, on the theory that lubricating oils, residue or fuel oils and kerosene would not bear an increased price, has put the entire cost of increased crude oil on gasoline, making this one product carry the entire burden, instead of spreading it proportionally.

Go to England Hoping To See Big Sea Fight

NEW YORK, March 19.—Because he believes there's going to be a big naval battle in the North sea soon and he wants to be on hand to witness the action when the fight starts, Admiral Kakashiro Funakoshi, of the Japanese navy, has sailed for Liverpool from here. John Massfield, the poet, sailed on the same boat.

His Crime.

Captain—What's he charged with, Casey?
Officer—I don't know the regular name for it, captain; but I caught him a-filching in the park.
Captain—Ah, that's impersonatin' an officer—Judge.

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ADVERTISES FOR WIFE GETS RICH WIDOW

Walter E. Hughes, of This City, Is Married in Kentucky.

BARDSTOWN, JUNCTION, Ky., March 18.—Mrs. Anna Katherine Keller, a rich widow, four months ago answered a matrimonial advertisement in a North Carolina publication, quite in spirit of fun. A romance was begun which culminated, after a courtship by correspondence, in her marriage Friday to Walter E. Hughes, of Washington. Mrs. Keller had not seen her fiancé

until three days before the marriage, when he arrived for a visit. He is sixty-three years old and apparently was not disappointed in the bargain, for he stayed and claimed his bride. Mrs. Keller, who is forty-two years old, had lived on her big farm near here since her first husband's death two years ago. Mr. Hughes is a retired business man and a veteran of the civil war. They will make their home on the Keller farm.

Usually Efficient.

"Now," said the professor of chemistry, "under what combination is gold most quickly released?"
"Marriage," declared the bright student.—Dallas News.

QUARTERS ARE PASSE, SAYS ALIMONY CLUB

Clubman Declares Linen Is Soiled and Attendants Are Grumpy.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Cuisine and service generally in the aristocratic Alimony Club's quarters, the Ludlow street jail, has gone to pot of late, members say.
Through an affidavit presented to Supreme Court Justice Gavegan, who is an influential member of the Alimony Club's board of governors,

Clubman Lewis D. Boggs said the place made him sick.
Boggs swore the food was poor, the linen soiled, the turnkeys grumpy, and that, besides, he had contracted Bright's disease, chills, fever, rheumatism, gastritis, and an awful disposition during his membership.
On a physician's affidavit that if retained as a member of the club Boggs would die, Justice Gavegan accepted his resignation.
Boggs joined the club by declining to pay his wife \$27.50 a week.

How to Talk to Wounded.

"What the Bosches can't stand, you know, Ma'am, is cold steel."
"Yes, I suppose it gets very cold this time of year."—Punch.

Lecture to Be Given On the Ballet Russe

Mrs. Mignon Ulke Lamassure will give a lecture-recital in the Woodward & Lothrop auditorium Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock on Serge de Diaghileff's Ballet Russe.
The musical excerpts to be given include "Cleopatra," Arensky; "Le Spectre de la Rose," Weber; "Carnaval," Schumann; "L'Après midi d'un Faune," Debussy; and "Polovtsian Dances," Borodine.

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LOCAL MENTION.

Invigorating—Chaplin in "By the Sea." Va. today, with great European war drama, "War God's Decree."
Table board, 25c. Lincoln Cafe, 710 10th.
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EVERYBODY'S Shoe Store, with its record of phenomenal sales-events, has rarely offered greater shoe bargains than those listed below. We've determined to make a whirlwind sweep of the remainder of this Season's Stock of Quality Footwear—and these sensational prices will undoubtedly accomplish our object.

Every man, woman and child in Washington should take advantage of this Mid-March bargain event.



Attractive Footwear Offerings for Women

DAINTY NINE-INCH LACE BOOTS
A \$7.00 Value—Special
\$5.50

The latest style effect in old ivory with leather Louis heel. Every size.

BELMONT PATTERN LACE BOOTS
Regularly \$7.00—Choice
\$5.50

In the attractive nine-inch height in a pretty shade of gray kidskin. A full range of sizes.

GRAY KIDSKIN BUT-TON BOOTS
Genuine \$7 Value—Now
\$4.85

A dainty and popular model in eight-in. height, with pearl buttons. An unusually great value.

THE POPULAR BRONZE BOOT
Our Own \$7 Value—Special
\$4.50

The modish bronze kidskin boot with pearl buttons. A full range of sizes and widths.



OUR OWN \$6.00 VALUE
Eight-inch High-Cut Patterns—Choice
\$3.45

With 2-inch leather Louis heel; button and laced models, Midnight Blue, Battleship Gray, African Brown, Bronze, and Dull Mat Kidskin.

OUR \$5.00, \$6.00, AND \$7.00 VALUES
Side-Laced Boots—Choice
\$2.85

In Russia calf with cloth top; Gun Metal Calfskin, with Gray Buck top; Midnight Blue Kidskin, and Bronze Kidskin with Fawn cloth top.

OUR OWN \$5.00 VALUE
"Mary Stuart" High Shoes—Special
\$1.45

Just 27 pairs in all in "Mary Stuart" Tan Lace Boot, in neat shade of tan calfskin, cloth top, diamond tip, and leather Louis heel. Regular price \$5.00, stamped on sole.

260 PAIRS LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS
Formerly Sold at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00—Choice
\$1.00

You must come early if you want to share in this extraordinary value, as they'll go quickly at this price. A large assortment of styles from which to choose.



FAMOUS "MARY STUART" AND "VARSITY" MAKES
All \$4.00 Values,
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All \$5.00 Values,
\$2.95

For Monday only, we offer your unrestricted choice of these trademarked High Shoes. Over 30 different styles and all sizes to choose from. You'll find the standard prices stamped on the sole.

280 PAIRS LADIES' LOW SHOES AND PUMPS
Were Sold By Us At \$3.50, \$4.00, and \$5.00—Special
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Economically-inclined women will be quick to take advantage of this offering. A large and varied assortment from which to choose.

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Extraordinary Values in High Quality Footwear

The shoes offered below are a part of a \$50,000 purchase of footwear made to our order. We anticipated the sharp rise in leather prices and placed our order early. Here's your opportunity to share in our forethought.

All \$2.50 Values	\$2.15
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All \$3.50 Values	\$2.95
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All \$4.50 Values	\$3.45

Even at their regular prices these would be extraordinary values. Prudent men will appreciate the additional savings. All sizes and styles from which to make your choice.



Famous SMITH-BRISCOE High Shoes for Men

Made by the manufacturers of the well-known STEADFAST brand, and only the best material and workmanship entered into their making.

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Ladies' High Shoes, Were \$3.50 and \$4.00... **\$1.00**

Two tables piled with High Shoes for women. Made of Black Suede and Tan Nubuck. Sizes 1 to 5. Widths A to D.

Ladies' High Shoes, Values \$3.50 to \$5.00... **\$1.85**

Two tables of Ladies' High Shoes in Patent Calfskin and Gun Metal Calfskin, with a neat shade of gray cloth top; button and laced styles.

Ladies' High Shoes, \$3.50 to \$5.00 Values... **\$1.95**

Two tables of Ladies' High Shoes, assembled from our regular stock for this special sale. A choice assortment of styles and leathers. Not every size in every style, but all sizes in some styles.

Unusual Bargains In BOYS' SHOES

English and Hitee Lasts, \$2.50 Values... **\$1.85**

An exceptional value in these shoes which will give the maximum in wear. A full range of sizes from 1 to 5 1/2.

50 Pairs High Shoes, \$2.00 Values... **\$1.65**

An excellent value at regular prices, hence parents will appreciate the extra saving. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

Goodyear Welt High Shoes... **\$2.35**

Sewed, with good solid oak soles, and a fine grade of gun metal calfskin. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

SHOES FOR THE INFANT AT GREAT PRICE CONCESSIONS

Just 30 pairs of Infants' High Shoes, with soft soles, in a varied assortment of styles. Choice... **31c**

Just 28 pairs of Infants' High Shoes with soft soles, and Carriage Boots, in a choice selection of styles. Sold regularly at 75c and \$1.00. Special... **49c**

Just 14 pairs of Infants' Slippers, with soft soles. Formerly sold at 25c a pair, but specially reduced for Monday's business to this figure. Choice... **15c**

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